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Celebrating 40 Years of Service



On Nov 2, Engineer Ron Gutterud celebrated 40 years of service with the Riverside City Fire Department. Ron's family visited the station and brought a delicious Italian dinner to share with Ron's crew. Congratulations to Ron on his anniversary and thank you for your four decades of service.



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Email from Steve Ybarra, Sierra Middle School Principal, to Chief Earley on Nov 29: Hello Chief Earley. On behalf of the students at Sierra Middle School, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to members of the Engine 5 fire station. I am not exactly sure of all the Firefighter's names; however, I believe Captain Dave McClellan, Rick and Gary were three of the five Firefighters who visited our school today.

Although I was not able to attend the presentation this morning, I was able to observe the student interaction with the Firefighters from my office window and what I saw did not need to be heard. Smiles on my students faces. Smiles on your Firefighter's face. Animated interactions/conversations. Students excited. Students and Firefighters discussing the equipment on the vehicles. Pictures being taken. It was quite a site to see. Very impressive. Heartwarming. In talking to the teacher after the visit, she echoed all that I saw.

I wanted to thank you and your Firefighters. I know they are busy and their demands are great. I wanted you to know, however, that today they went above and beyond. If possible, please convey my appreciation to the members of Engine 5 for their generosity. It did not go unnoticed.

Think Pink



Norma Pagan and Anna Hauldren wore their "Pink Heals" t-shirts as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign in October (and continued through November in RFD).

Birthdays



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December Birthdays

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| Tim Beeler | 12/2 |
| Carl Colby | 12/30 |
| Carol Crouch | 12/10 |
| Brian Davis | 12/21 |
| Denise Delgado | 12/4 |
| Rob Foy | 12/15 |
| Leroy Geohagen | 12/28 |
| Peter Habib | 12/8 |
| Jeff Lewis | 12/27 |
| Bob Markin | 12/9 |
| Frank Smith | 12/27 |
| Chuck Tasker | 12/28 |
| Bruce Vanderhorst | 12/19 |
| Bob Ward | 12/6 |



Breakfast with the Mayor

RCFA 1067 Board of Directors honored retiring Mayor Ron Loveridge at a union breakfast



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November 27, 2012

Chief Steve Earley
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Dear Chief Earley:

I would like to thank you for allowing the participation of Captain Bruce Vanderhorst as a rater for the Palm Springs Fire Department's Engineer promotional exams that we held on November 14, 2012.

His participation and evaluation of the candidates made a significant contribution to our testing process. These candidate evaluations play a critical role in our promotional selection and Captain Vanderhorst's professional expertise and opinion is very much appreciated.

If we can be of assistance to your Department in the future, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Ventura".

Scott Ventura
Fire Chief

SV/jb

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Congratulations to Jason Blomgren on passing his 6 month probation practical.

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Las Vegas Ragnar Race: Sean Wilde and Brian Guzzetta, participated in a mountainous 197.6 mile Ragnar race outside of Las Vegas on Nov 9 & 10. Their team battled 30-40 mph winds and temperatures as low as 24 with the wind chill factor.

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Fresno Training Symposium: Captain Jennifer McDowell attended the 2012 Fall Training Officers Symposium in Fresno in November. She was sworn in as the 2nd Vice President for the Southern California Training Officers Association and also taught "Ethics" for the Fire Captain's Academy. This event is held every year in November and offers many excellent hands on training classes and a variety of supervisory and leadership courses. The quality of instructors from around the state are phenomenal. You can register on-line at: register.calchiefs.org, for the 2013 symposium. This was Jennifer's second year attending the event, and she says the relationships you build and the information you gather from networking is priceless.



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Growing Families

Caceres Baby: Congratulations to Milton and Stella Caceres. They are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Aiden Antonio Caceres. Aiden was born on Nov 12. He was 19.5" long and weighed 8.6 pounds. We are sure his daddy will have him training for the Tour de France in no time at all.

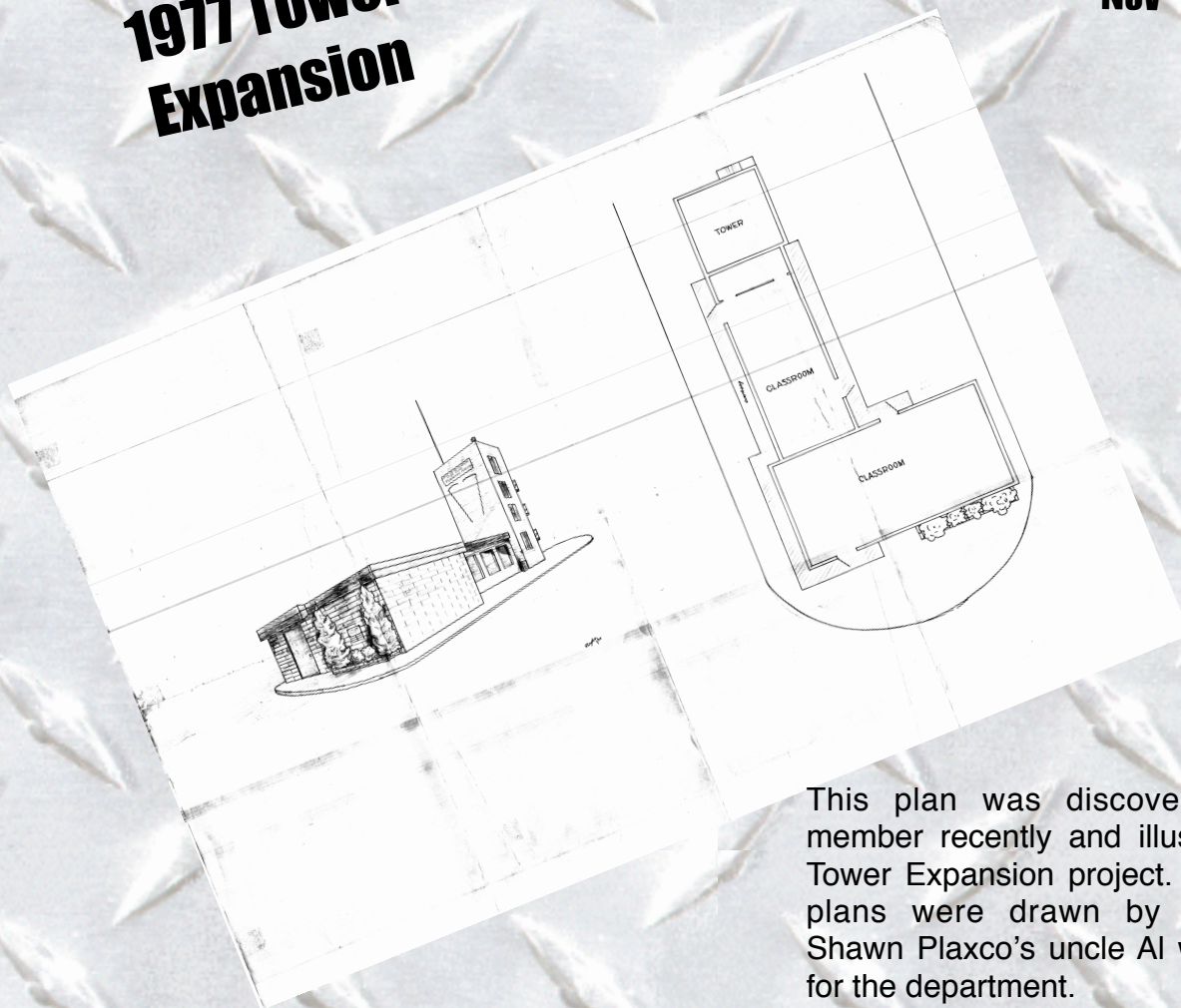
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Cpt Rod Nash, Eng Peter Habib, FF/PM Romney Ellsworth, and FF Dave Olivas visited the Knitting Guild group on Nov 6 to accept their generous donations of "trauma teddy" bears with handmade sweaters. The bears are given to children by crews in situations where a child is stressed or injured.

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1977 Tower Expansion



This plan was discovered by a RFD member recently and illustrated the 1977 Tower Expansion project. Interestingly, the plans were drawn by retired Captain Shawn Plaxco's uncle Al who also worked for the department.

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Engine 4 crew salutes as the procession for a Pearl Harbor survivor passes by on Aug 20.



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NOW & THEN....BY TIM KESSEL

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ANSWERS: to last month's questions; "Where is this photo?" The Tower, "What is missing from the photo?" The burn building, "What year is this photo?" Early 1965 (the Tower was dedicated 7/13/65)



QUESTION: Ok, who can name the location of the Picture below?

2013 Shift Calendar

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| 2013 | | | | | | | RIVERSIDE CITY FIREFIGHTERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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